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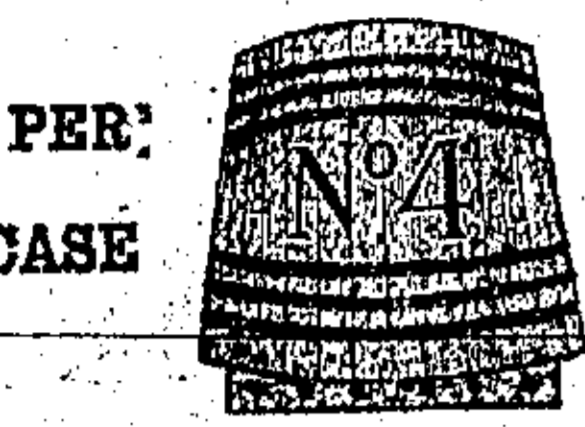
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## NOTICE.

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FROM this date Mr. J. H. NELLIS  
has been appointed as ASSISTANT  
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Field.

**W. A. DOWLEY,**  
General Manager.  
Hongkong, December 27, 1907. 2038

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Dates of Performances:  
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THURSDAY, 2nd January, 5.30 P.M.  
Plans of Seats now on View at above  
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Admission \$1.  
For Children 50 cents at Matinee only.  
Hongkong, December 24, 1907. 2028

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Government Notification  
the Exchange Banks will be  
closed on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY,  
the 1st and 2nd January respectively.  
Hongkong, December 27, 1907. 2024

THE PHOENIX CLUB LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE STATUTORY MEETING of the above  
Company will be held on MONDAY,  
December 30, at 5.30 p.m., at the Club  
Premises.

By Order,  
**E. GRANVILLE JORDAN,**  
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Hongkong, December 21, 1907. 2019

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NOTICE.

IN consequence of the CLOSING of the  
GERMAN SCHOOL, the Committee  
of Management of Union Church is pre-  
pared to consider applications for renting  
the Church Hall for Educational or  
similar purposes.

Hongkong, December 16, 1907. 1996

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Departures from Hongkong to Canton daily at 8 a.m. (Sunday Excepted), 10 p.m.  
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The S.S. POWAN will leave Hongkong every Monday, Wednesday and Friday,  
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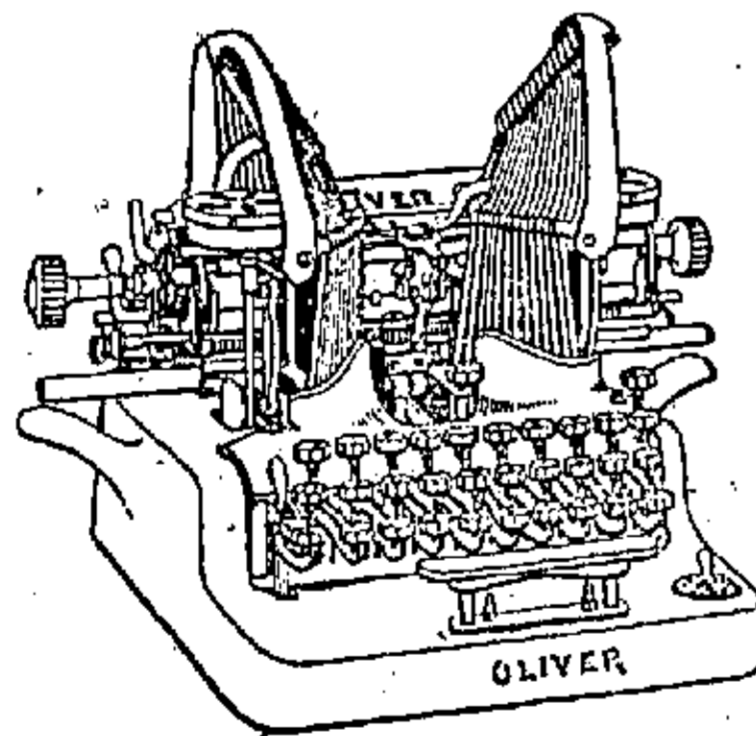
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Hongkong, November 27, 1907. 1884

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the above Company, we shall be  
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of passage, etc., in connection with above.  
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Hongkong, July 14, 1906. 114

## THE 'BLUE WATER' SCHOOL.

Criticism By Lord Roberts.

Lord Roberts presided on Nov. 6, at the  
Royal United Service Institution, at which  
a lecture was delivered by Lieut.-Colonel  
Delme Radcliffe, British Military Attache  
at Rome and Bern, on the Swiss military  
system. In the course of his remarks, he  
said the system was a proof of patriotism.  
The keynote of the attitude was that it was  
a free man's right and honour to serve his  
country.

There was conviction in the country  
that training and discipline were  
morally and physically of advantage  
to the manhood of the race. Officers  
had to pass through courses of instruction,  
and the instruction was of a very high  
character. Were our position similar to  
that in Switzerland we should in the  
United Kingdom alone have about  
4,000,000 armed men at our disposal  
(apprehensions). In regard to the shooting  
clubs, there were in 1905 3284, with  
220,147 members, taking grants amounting  
to £14,000. In England, on the same  
scale, there would be 3,000,000 members  
drawing Government grants of some  
quarter of a million sterling.

He had heard the argument that a  
system of compulsory service in England  
would kill all voluntary effort, but if the  
Swiss system was any guide this was an  
incorrect statement.

Lord Roberts, in thanking the lecturer  
for his address, said it appeared that in  
Switzerland, instead of the army being  
looked upon by the people as something  
with which they had nothing to do, which  
was generally the case in England, they  
looked upon it as their most valuable  
asset. The Swiss had long since realised  
that the military system meant better  
workers, better behaved men, and better  
citizens in every sense of the word. In  
England we flattered ourselves that the  
Navy could do all that was required to  
scatter the enemy's fleets and protect our  
commerce. They might be certain the  
Navy would do whatever it was possible  
to do, but unless he was very much  
mistaken the sailors would tell them  
that if they were required to scatter the  
enemy's fleets and protect our commerce  
it was essential that our ships should not  
be tied to our coasts (hear, hear). So it  
was absolutely essential that there should  
be an organised land force.

He was glad the Secretary of State for  
War was about to start the framework of  
such a scheme. It was on the right lines  
so far as the County Associations were con-  
cerned, but they could not believe such a  
force could ever be created unless all  
classes, rich and poor, high and low, men  
and women, took a practical interest in it.

## JAPANESE TIMBER TRADE.

Capturing the Australian  
Market.

The "Board of Trade Journal" says  
that recently a Norwegian steamship came  
into Sydney harbour with a shipment of  
timber from the northern ports of Japan.  
It was composed of pine, oak, ash and  
bass wood, aggregating nearly 2 1/2 million  
feet. A shipment had been sent to Mel-  
bourne some months ago and was so well  
received that this cargo to Sydney was  
the result. Another steamer is bringing  
2 1/2 million feet of the same timber for  
Sydney. The timber is imported as logs,  
squared by the axe, and is thus free of  
duty. It would be interesting to know,  
says the Canadian Government agent at  
Sydney, what resources in timber Japan  
has, either in her own territory or in  
Korea. If large quantities can be eco-  
nomically obtained it will not only inter-  
fere with the trade from North America in  
timber, but assist materially in developing  
Australian exports to China and Japan.  
In Melbourne it is reported that the pine  
will take the place of Baltic timber for  
building purposes, and that the other  
timber is very valuable for the purposes  
for which American oak, ash and bass  
wood have hitherto been used.

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THE  
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DES VŒUX ROAD  
(POTTINGER STREET CORNER).

**MATINEE on 24th**  
**4.30 p.m.**

GRAND PRESENTATION OF  
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**DURING THE XMAS SEASON.**

New Apparatus and Films for sale, at  
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ABOUT your Business, Health, Pleasures, Friends Abroad, your Love Affairs and  
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and must not be classed with the run of Palmists who use their *Supposed Gifts* to make  
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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1907.

THE CHINA OF TO-DAY.

In a striking passage of a generally approved work the philosophic J. S. Mill calls attention to the tendency on the part of many observers to attribute to cause what is due to several causes. The use of the singular where the plural ought to appear in any adequate account of phenomena is misleading beyond the understanding of any who have not duly considered the relation in any sphere of human enquiry between causes and effects. Seldom can results be attributed safely to one, and only one, cause. He, who would account for the China of to-day as evolved and evolving from the China of the past has to deal with a vast variety of causes. Foreign impact at different points produces widely different effects. These are modified and controlled, enhanced or diminished by conditions often lying below the surface, and attributable in no small degree to institutions and habits and customs that have grown with the nation's growth and strengthened with its strength. To prognosticate so as to determine beforehand the outcome of movements affecting large masses of people is the mark of statesmanship which beyond all others distinguishes the man of light and leading to whom it is given to sway the destinies of nations. The study of social problems as these are presented to the Western mind by the great writer quoted above and by other leading economists before and since is strange to the purview of the Chinese student and until recently was deemed by most Western writers on China foreign to the genius of the Oriental. It has, however, become increasingly apparent during the last few years that the Chinese intellect has a quite noteworthy adaptation to precisely the class of problem underlying economic conditions. There is no ground for the apprehension that the nation will not work out its own salvation, emerging in triumph from the perplexities and the perils that now beset it and seem, for the moment, to retard its progress. Take any of the more prominent topics that vex the minds of statesmen in China and that give rise to questions which seem to press for solution. Among these is the Chekiang railway scheme in its relation to foreign loans for railway construction. Popular opinion finds vent in newspapers that, from one end of the Empire to the other, feed agitation. The spirit of discontent rides on the whirlwind of anger and directs the storm of passionate protest. There is method in the madness, and it is the method which makes the madness dangerous. What the newspapers in China have to write concerning the endeavour to force on Chekiang a foreign loan takes the high ground of political consistency and is on the broad lines of equity. Why should the Imperial Government absolutely forbid the investment of foreign money in Chinese mining schemes, as in Kwangtung, and yet force a foreign loan upon one of the provinces best able to carry forward its own industrial enterprises to a successful completion. Provinces that need Western capital and counsel, that would if they could call in Occidental light, lending and financial aid in schemes for their own progress, are not permitted to seek the new civilization through its most qualified exponents while, elsewhere, when the Imperial authority chooses to intervene, foreign capital by means of a loan is made a *sine qua non* in the conditions

imposed. Nothing could, from the point of view of the unbiased, be more unfair, and few things in the recent history of the nation in its relations with other countries has proved more exasperating. There are many who do not hesitate to charge Yuan Shi Kai with worse than folly. To them the only explanation of his present attitude appears to be the necessity, for purposes of his own, of betraying the true welfare of his country and sacrificing her interests. It is accepted as a fact that the Empress-Dowager is averse to prolong further the struggle with a province bent on maintaining its freedom in the local development of its own industrial life, and that Chang Chi Tung has also assisted the province in achieving its purpose in resisting the foreign loan. Meanwhile the eyes of China are on the one province fighting for a liberty which, if secured, must go far to establish the principle of government by the people for the people in the sphere and to the extent that is consistent with national progress and safety. The forces that are now arrayed against each other in China are those that, in every country that has attained to any degree of freedom, were at one time or other in its history engaged in a similar conflict. The ambitions, the aims and the free spirit of a newly awakened people is striving against the tyranny of an ancient bondage. In the instance of China the really remarkable, and to some extent differentiating, element is the rapidity and thoroughness of comprehension and the facility with which the intelligent leading section of the democracy finds its way to the heart of things in what seemed twenty years ago to be a new and untried way. If the methods of the more advanced nations that commend themselves as reasonable methods adapted to secure the end in view, were adopted and the line could be drawn at this point few would fear the outlook or hesitate to applaud the means to which China has resorted for realising her hopes. It is, however, to be remarked that China in borrowing tactics is not in a mind to stop at those that compel universal approval. We notice that the idea of boycotting has occurred, or been suggested to, the promoters of the movement against the patrolling by foreign craft of China Rivers. It was plain last year and earlier, when the stand taken against American commerce in China proved for a time so nearly successful, that the "boycott" was likely to become a formidable weapon in Chinese hands. It must needs be so to a nation that for decades and centuries has reduced combination for trade purposes to a fine art, and which had trade guilds with highly organised rules before some of the nations that now lead commercially had any pretence to the dignity of trading. It is urged that if other means fail a combined endeavour shall be made to stop British trade by an interdiction that will not fail to prove effective. It is a great but wrong idea—probably only an idea—that is now in the minds of many and is widely disseminated through the native press. It shows that China is thoroughly alive to what she conceives to be her position in the present, and is full of determination also as regards the attainment of her standards and ideals of progress.

Telegrams from Peking state that Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Minister to China, has sent in reply to the Waiwupu's comprehensive rejoinder a lengthy counter-statement summing up the repeated remonstrances of Japan on the Chientao frontier question.

The Osaka "Asahi" asserts that the keeper of the Hiraoka Geisha House, Kikunoshinchi, has received a request from an American girl aged 22 to be admitted to his house as she desires to become a Geisha. It is said that Mr. Hiraoka proposes to go to Nagasaki and have an interview with the fair one.

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LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

The Peking Syndicate has claimed 7,000,000 taels as indemnity to give up the mines in Shanai.

The Empress Dowager is said have paid Thels 150,000 towards the funds of the local self government in Peking.

The Waiwupu (Chinese Foreign Office) has wired to Yang Shih-chi to try to bring about the unity of the Chinese abroad and to consider measures to protect them properly.

At 2 a.m. on Dec. 18 a fire broke out in Kago-yo, Wakayama, destroying 67 houses and damaging 23 others. The cause of the fire and the amount of the loss are not yet known.

It is announced that the "Chefoo Daily News" has ceased publication and that a new daily paper to be named the "Chefoo Morning Post" is to be brought out shortly.

A Tairu despatch declares that the continued activity of bandits in North Manchuria is due to the co-operation of escaped Russian convicts from Saghalien with Chinese marauders.

The Foreign Office, Tokyo, has received information to the effect that the River Yalu is completely frozen over and communication between Antung-shien and New Wiju is being maintained by sledges.

The Japanese Government has decided to return the Russo-Chinese Bank premises at Port Arthur to the owners and the formal transfer of the property was to take place on the 26th inst.

The Japanese Consul at Vladivostok reports to the Foreign Office, Tokyo, that the regulation requiring all steamers entering the port to take a pilot at Askold Island will be abolished on January 14th.

On her trip up from Australia the China Navigation Co's steamer Taiyuan had a fine voyage. In lat. 19°50' N., long. 116°16' E. she passed the steamer Charlton, which wished to be reported "all well."

The Peking Government has, it is reported, paid Thels 449,000 as indemnity in Tibetan affairs to the British Government and has ordered Chang Yin-tang to consult with the Viceroy of India regarding the withdrawal of the British troops now stationed at Chumbi.

A Tokyo telegram dated December 22 says: Storms were general on Friday and Saturday. Many ships sank or were wrecked in the neighbourhood of Moji, Kobe and Chumoku. The casualties include the N. Y. K. s.s. Niigata Maru, wrecked at Chumoku.

Mr W. H. Taft, who has arrived in New York, says that the Japanese Government and people are desirous of peace. He adds that the Japanese are a proud nation who ask that they shall be treated on the same basis as others. Mr Taft refuses to discuss politics.

"The Fighting Men of Japan," a book written by Francis James Norman and published by Otto Kymman, appeared to have been the cause of Norman being charged at Bow Street recently with assaulting Kymman. Mr. Artemus Jones, prosecuting, said that his client was one of the directors of a company in Orange Street who some time ago published the book mentioned. The prisoner imagined that he had some grievance against the firm, and had addressed to them letters of a threatening character. That morning Mr. Kymman was about to enter his office when he was approached by the prisoner, who made five or six attempts to strike him with his fist. Mr. Kymman managed to parry all the blows and the prisoner then tried to grapple with him in Ju-Jitsu fashion, but was prevented by some bystanders. The magistrate granted an adjournment to enable the prisoner to be legally represented.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Sir H. and Lady de Saumarez leave by the Powna this evening on a trip to Canton.

Among the passengers to arrive by the Arcadia from England to-day were Messrs. J. E. Bingham, Murray Stewart, C. E. H. Beavis, and Mr. Kinneer, of Shanghai.

Mr W. G. Martin, who has played for Kowloon for two seasons, was in Brisbane recently and received intimation that he was a possible for selection to play against the Englishmen. His early departure from Brisbane prevented his selection however. He is now in Thursday Island and looking Chinanvards.

A dozen undergraduates rigged the King of Spain by pelting him with lumps of sugar when His Majesty visited the University of Cambridge. One of the offenders was fined for his conduct on that occasion.

A sailing vessel was seen burning on August 23, in latitude 32.5 deg. south, and longitude 52 deg. west. It is thought that the vessel was the Silverhorn, which left Newcastle, New South Wales, on June 12, with a cargo of coal for Iquique, in Chile. Nothing could be seen of the vessel's crew.

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CHRISTMAS TIME.

At the Seamen's Mission.

The weather on Boxing Day was not at all propitious, and though rain did not fall to any extent it threatened so consistently that holiday makers were loth to leave shelter. However many fared forth on launch, bicycle, yacht or shank's pony, and altogether the day was well spent. A little sun would however have been more encouraging. In the evening rain fell slightly, and it continued to-day, making the roadways muddy and spirits damp.

Christmas day at the Seamen's Church and Institute was as usual a very busy one, but from beginning to end the services, sports and the other functions with which almost every hour of the day was filled went with such a saving and vim that the chaplains and their kind helpers did not realise until all was over how tired they were. Beginning with a service at half past seven in the morning they had hardly a moment's rest until the festivities in the Institute came to an end at about ten o'clock in the evening. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, and in its new coat of paint presented a very pleasing appearance. The services were simple, hearty, and congregational and were well attended. In the afternoon sports were held at Stone-cutter's Island to which place launches kindly lent by the Dock Co. and Messrs. Butterfield and Swire conveyed a good company of men. Flat races and obstacle races of various kinds filled up the greater part of the afternoon and a keenly contested tug of war in which the men of the Empress of India came off victors brought this part of the proceedings to a close. Soon after six o'clock the party, augmented by others who had not been able to attend the sports, assembled at the Institute for tea. The decorations of the lower room consisted for the most part of flower-decked tables laden with seasonable good cheer, but the upper room was gay with flags and greenery and the "Brig"—a twelve foot model of an old time brig—was very prettily decorated. After tea, cigars were set a-going and everybody had a spell until about half-past seven when the last part of the day's proceedings commenced, viz., the unding of the "Brig" and the distribution of the prizes won in the sports. The "Brig" contained presents for all and sundry—just small reminders of kind thought and good will—which must have brought to many a man thoughts of Christmases spent in the family circle in other days and filled him with thoughts of home. The winners in the sports also received their prizes and solos given for the most part by the men themselves filled in the intervals and lent variety to the proceedings. The chaplains are to be congratulated upon the devoted band of workers who do so much to lighten their labours.

Bishop Lander preached the sermon in St. John's Cathedral on Xmas morning, the service being conducted by the chaplain (Rev. F. T. Johnson). The Bishop delivered a sermon on the text "Good news from afar," and dwelt on the particular applicability of the text to dwellers in the Far East, so far removed from their native soil. An appeal was made on behalf of the Diocesan Girls' School, to which institution the day's offerings were to be donated. The Processional hymn "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," and the anthem, "Sing, O Daughter of Zion" were sung and the Te Deum was given by the full choir, the quartette being Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Moore, Master Stuart, and Mr. C. Crispin. Mr. Danman Fuller presided at the organ and the Cathedral was tastefully decorated with ferns and chrysanthemums.

The members of the Victoria Gaol staff gave a smoking concert to their friends in the mess room last night. There was a good attendance and the concert was a very enjoyable one. The hosts attended to the comfort of their guests liberally and the evening passed away merrily.

THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY.

LONDON, December 13.  
It is reported from Washington that President Roosevelt has issued his manifesto in regard to the coming Presidential election, earlier than was expected. In it he declares that he will not consent to be a candidate. The President has discovered that Mr. Cortelyou, the Secretary of the Treasury, while pretending to be assisting his wishes, has been endeavouring to further his own interests by putting obstacles in the way of the success of Mr. Taft at the election.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.  
President Roosevelt has circulated a manifesto stating that he will not be a candidate at the coming Presidential election. He recalls that he declared after would not attempt to serve for another term. That declaration was final and he has no desire to change it. This declaration has greatly taken aback those persons who have been making efforts to induce Mr. Roosevelt to be a candidate once more. It is said that the issue of the manifesto is connected with the return of Mr. Taft, who will arrive at Washington in a week.

THE MOROCCAN SITUATION.

LONDON, December 13.  
A Paris message states that as a result of the Kaiser's visit to Great Britain the relations between France and Germany have become somewhat amicable. It is probable that Germany will abandon her complaints about the bombardment of Casablanca.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

CRICKET.

M. C. C. v. Victoria.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)  
LONDON, December 27.

The match between the M. C. C. team and Victoria has been drawn, Victoria making 488 for the loss of nine wickets.

BLACKMAILING.

A Letter from Hongkong.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, December 26.  
The British Consul-General at Shamen has forwarded to Viceroy Chang a letter bearing the Hongkong post-mark which was addressed to a British firm at Canton demanding payment of the sum of \$10,000 and directing payment to be made to the Sing On Company, Wengha. The letter bears the signatures of Luk Lan Ching, Li Tang, Wu Yick and Wong Kun.

THE CHRISTMAS MAIL.

During the festive season we all have occasion to welcome the postman, more particularly when so far distant from the Homeland, but it should be remembered that it is not the postman who has all the work to do in connection with the mail. The Christmas mail this year has been an exceedingly heavy one, no less than 730 bags of letters being brought by the Arcadia of which 430 bags were landed in Hongkong. The sorters on the mail boat had a rough time in getting through their work on the trip up from Singapore. From nine in the morning until midnight (with the exception of Xmas Day) they were hard at it, and this morning it was six a.m. before the last of the letters were sorted. The weather had a good deal to do with this for the ship rolled in hopeless confusion after being sorted. This letter mail was an exceptionally heavy one, being 140 bags more than the previous mail. In addition there were 1770 registered letters on board, of which 1110 were landed here and there were 123 bags, boxes and baskets of parcels, aggregating in all 1424 parcels, 780 of which came by the over-sea route. Numerous complaints are expected on account of many parcels being sent out in bags instead of boxes as heretofore, the reason for the change being, it is said, that the steamship companies object to carrying back the empty boxes. Those who are having parcels sent out in future would do well to ask that they be securely packed, particularly millinery goods, which are sent out in cardboard boxes as a rule. The last French mail was also a heavy one, there being 280 bags of letters for Hongkong, and the Australian mail brought 50 bags of letters.

MANILA'S CARNIVAL.

It is good news in Hongkong that the Manila Carnival management have secured an order from the office of the Insular Collector of Customs, Manila, which saves non-American tourists the payment of the annoying head tax of \$4 gold at a Philippine port. Under a circular dated December 14, 1907, the matter is outlined. Anyone "in transit" through the Philippine Islands are exempt. It is held that a person who comes to the Philippine Islands as a traveller for curiosity or pleasure, that is to say a bona fide "tourist," and with the intent to depart again within a reasonable time and return to the country whence he came, does not "enter" within the meaning of the act imposing the tax. The fact that a person upon arrival is the possessor of a non-transferable return ticket limited as to the time of issue, and entitling him to transportation back to his town of departure, will be held prima facie to indicate that such person does not intend to enter within the meaning of the law.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

## SNOWSTORM IN JAPAN.

## Railways Interrupted.

(From Our Correspondent.)

Tokyo, December 27.

A severe snowstorm has occurred in the Kanagawa District. The railway service is interrupted.

## CANADA AND JAPAN.

## Mr Lemieux Returns.

(From Our Correspondent.)

Tokyo, December 27.

The Hon. Mr Rudolph Lemieux (Canadian Minister for Labour) has left Japan on his return to Canada.

## MACAO-CANTON RAILWAY.

## Cancellation Negotiations.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, December 27.

The Waiwupu has opened negotiations with the Portuguese Minister for the cancellation of the concession which has been granted to Portugal for the construction of the Macao-Canton Railway, and which has expired without anything being done.

## THE WEST RIVER PATROL.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, December 26.

The British Minister, in reply to the Chinese Foreign Office, has stated that the flotilla now patrolling the West River will only cruise as far as Samshui.

## REVOLUTIONARIES.

## The Position of Indo-China.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, December 26.

Replying to the Waiwupu the French Minister has stated that France cannot undertake to hand over to the Chinese authorities any member of secret societies in Annam, but that she will prohibit their movements as much as possible.

## CHINA AND FREE SPEECH.

## Students' Meetings Suppressed.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, December 26.

Following the edict of yesterday which prohibits mass meetings concerning politics, another edict has been issued to-day suppressing the delivery of speeches about politics by students, either of public colleges or private schools.

[For some time past the Chinese government has been very much annoyed by telegrams sent to the Waiwupu regarding anything and everything which appears to the populace not agreeable. However, matters have not been allowed to drag on without any notice being taken by the Government. Apparently owing to the West River Patrol question and the Kiangsu Railway loan, the Chinese have taken matters too much into their own hands, which the Peking authorities cannot put up with, and as a consequence an edict was issued. Since giving us the summary of the edict our correspondent has been able to secure the full text which was telegraphed to us, in which the Throne reproved the populace for their behaviour towards the government. The edict points out that it was the Throne's intention to grant a constitutional government as soon as the people were up to the standard of such a form of government, and that what they have done has apparently retarded the progress of the scheme the government has adopted. It ends by instructing the various authorities to suppress all mass meetings under severe punishment. — E. C. M.]

## BY TELEGRAPH.

## THE Kiangsu Railway Loan.

## Ministers Disagree.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, December 26.

In a conference between ministers of the Waiwupu regarding the Kiangsu Railway loan, a conflict arose between Sheng Kung-po and Yuan Shih Kai owing to the former's refusal to produce a communication purported to have come from Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Company, as agents for the British Corporation, to the effect that the agreement for the loan would be cancelled if the work for the construction of the Railway was not started after a certain date.

## IN TOWN.

## Enjoyment at the Theatre Royal.

Unadulterated enjoyment is what is now being served up as a Christmas dish by the Theatre Royal Comedy Company. Last night they produced that splendid comedy "In Town," and the utmost enjoyment and amusement became the order of the evening from the rise of the curtain. The music is good, healthy and inspiring, and the fun—very bit of which is extracted by the players—is of the exhilarating kind that chases dull care completely out of sight. And the setting—it is difficult to say anything new about the outstanding characteristics of this capable combination. It is startlingly advanced. The more one sees of the company the more one marvels at their skill. They had the large audience completely convulsed at times, and when not in that state they were applauding hilariously some well-sung song or dance. There was no lack of genuine entertainment, and the audience left the Theatre Royal happy and sounding unanimous praise.

One could not help being pleased with the acting of Teddie McNamara as the man about town, Captain Goddington. He was excellent, and displayed an intelligent grip of the demands of the part that few seniors manage to obtain, whilst Miss Lillie Bull, as Lord Clanside, once again demonstrated the ease and grace with which she is able to impart naturalness to a part that tests the capabilities of older people. But the fun of the evening was in the main provided by the Heintz brothers. These twins are remarkably clever comedians, and as the Rev. Samuel Hopkins, Freddie Heintz gave a character sketch worthy of our best actors. And again as Shrimp, the call boy at the Ambigu Theatre he was execrably funny, and constantly had the audience convulsed with laughter. Johnnie Heintz, too, was completely at home as Hofmann, the hall porter at the Caravanserie Hotel, and his comicities were mirth-provoking to a degree. Among the girls Miss Olive Moore, Miss Merle Pollard, Miss Eva Pollard and Miss Ivy Pollard were in the leading parts and they all demonstrated the ability they possess. In fact the whole company played splendidly and the highest praise should be accorded them. The audience was unimpaired with the various solos, duets, and choruses, and encores were frequent, some numbers being recalled three and four times. Particularly clever was the "Lambeth Walk" by Teddie McNamara, the Heintz brothers, and two Pollard girls. They earned every encore demanded.

We unhesitatingly advise the public who want to be amused to see this company. They are funmakers of the first water. To-night and Saturday they repeat "In Town," and on Monday they put on "La Poupee." After New Year they stage the pantomime "Mother Goose." A matinee of "In Town" will take place to-morrow.

## NAVIGATION IN KWANGTUNG.

The natives of Canton are discussing about organising a steamship company for Kwangtung and Kwangsi to compete with the British.

Both the British and the French have consented to disallow native vessels to fly either British or French flags.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr. Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 27th at 11.55 a.m. The barometer has fallen very rapidly in E. Japan owing to the depression which is moving East-ward off Hokkaido.

Pressure has increased over China, particularly in the North. It is highest over Central China.

Fresh monsoon may be expected in the Fortness, Channel and the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.41 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow.

FORECAST DISTRICT.

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: N.E. winds, fresh; rainy.

2.—Formosa Channel: Same as No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook: Same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.

## SPORTING.

## Yachting.

## THE COHETIAN CLUB.

A race for a handsome silver cup bowl, presented by Mr Fleming, of the Imperial Maritime Customs (an old China coaster) was sailed yesterday by the one-design class of the Corinthian Yacht Club over a course from Funwick's reclamation at East Point, to Lyceum Beach (starboard), East Point buoy (starboard), back to the Beacon and finish. Nine starters faced the line, Fas being the only absolute. Asthore and Spry crossed the line first, closely followed by Ariel and Gael. Asthore had a slight lead from Spry, which she held up to the Beacon, rounding 45 seconds ahead. Gael hugged the Kowloon shore in making for the Beacon in the hope of displacing Asthore and at one time seemed to have accomplished her purpose, but the wind became fluky as the Beacon was neared and Gael fell away, rounding a minute and a half after Asthore, Doris being close up. In the bay the wind was fresh, but towards the Beacon the second time round it slackened considerably. Meta, Theda, Jonn, Ariel and Nina all gave up, but Gael and Doris kept on after Asthore and Spry, but without success. The times at the finish were:—

	H.	M.	S.
ASTHORE	5	26	40
SPRY	5	27	50
GAEL	5	31	40

Doris, who made her first appearance yesterday was handicapped by her new sail, but she looks as if she is going to give a better account of herself when it gets properly stretched.

After the race Mr Fleming presented the bowl in the Club House to Mr Alexander Rodger, making a humorous speech, to which Mr Rodger replied. Mr Rodger remarked that he had taken an active part in many branches of sport but this was his debut in yachting. He found it very exhilarating and exciting especially when chased up by Mr Pearson, who looked that day as if he would win. The success of Asthore was due to Mr Witcheil, who sailed the boat, the speaker being aboard only as ballast.

Mr A. McKendry (Hon. Treasurer) capt. Mr Fleming on behalf of the Club for the prize and expressed the hope that other members would imitate his example of true sportsmanship.

## Rugby Football.

The International Match, which was to have been played to-morrow afternoon, for unavoidable reasons being postponed and will probably take place a fortnight hence. There will be a practice game however, at 4.15 p.m. at which it is hoped there will be a good muster.

## League Cricket.

CIVIL SERVICE v. MIDDLESEX.

Civil Service meet the Middlesex Regiment in the League competition to-morrow. The following will represent the Civil Service:—Hon. Dr. Atkinson, H. T. Jackson, F. A. Bidden, R. Witcheil, E. W. Dawson, P. R. Adams, A. Pile, F. Bacon, L. E. Brett, P. T. Lambie and H. R. Phillips.

Umpire:—W. H. Woolley.

CHANGINGOVER v. HONGKONG "A."

This match will take place on the ground of the former Club on Saturday next at 2.15 p.m. The following will represent the C. C. Club:—L. E. Lamont (capt.), M. E. Asger, R. Bass, A. O. Brown, J. D. Kimball, L. A. Rose, E. Irving, R. Pestonji, Dr. F. H. Kew, H. Rapp, and another.

The following will represent H.K.C.C. "A":—A. McKendry, H. E. Taylor, S. Moore, J. H. Chalmers, S. S. Logan, A. M. David, E. A. Fowler, P. Jacks, T. C. Gray, and two others.

ROYAL V. DEPARTMENTAL.

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## keeping a good length, though Brown was varying his "coaxers" with a view to getting the batsmen to "lash out."

When the score stood at 58, Pearce fell a victim to a well-delivered ball from Barton, which scattered his sticks, and Claxton joined Kriekenbeek, but the latter soon followed Pearce, being well bowled by Witcheil, leg stump, after scoring 28. Play was steady thence to the end. Claxton scored 34, before being caught by Barton in the slips. When but a few, he survived a confident appeal for l.b.w., and later on gave Barton a chance in the slips which was not accepted. R. Hancock made a well compiled seventeen, and Major Lewis 24, the innings closing for 197, being 37 runs in front of the League total.

The League match was splendid. Edwards, Owen, Hutchison, Pestonji and Irvine being about the pick, but both Witcheil and Irvine (behind the sticks) made creditable displays.

The League made a very poor show in the second innings, being all dismissed for 49 runs, of which E. Irving's 23 was the only double figure score. The bowling of Major Lewis was deadly and he took six wickets for 21 runs. The innings deserves little comment.

The Club thus had only thirteen runs to get to win and these were knocked up for the loss of one wicket. Fowler being bowled by Witcheil for a duck. Then Dixon and Makin became associated and runs came freely, the former scoring with great freedom. The match was continued until dark light put an end to play when the Club had lost five wickets for 159 runs, Makin being 60 not out.

The scores are:—

	THE LEAGUE	100
First Innings	197	
Second Innings	49	

L. J. Wishart, c R. Hancock, b Lewis	9
R. O. Hutchison, c Peake, b Lewis	0
E. Irving, b Lewis	23
A. O. Brown, b Lewis	0
W. Edwards, run out	8
C. S. M. Owen, not out	2
Bandman Barton, b Lewis	2
R. Pestonji, c Makin, b Lewis	0
J. R. Irvine, b Dixon	1
R. C. Witcheil and Lance Corpl. Roberts	not out

Sundries ... .. 5

Total ... .. 49

NOVEMBER.

T. E. Pearce ... .. 9 1 21 0

Major Lewis ... .. 12 4 21 0

Wm. Dixon ... .. 3 3 2 2 1

Lewis was not-batted thrice.

NOVEMBER CLUB—FIRST INNINGS.

Capt. Kriekenbeek, b Witcheil ... .. 28

T. E. Pearce, b Barton ... .. 30

A. A. Claxton, c Barton, b Pestonji ... .. 34

W. C. D. Turner, b Pestonji ... .. 6

E. A. Fowler, b Pestonji ... .. 14

Wm. Dixon, b Pestonji ... .. 4

R. Hancock, c Substituted, b Brown ... .. 27

Major Lewis, c Hutchison, b Brown ... .. 24

H. Hancock, c Substituted, b Irvine ... .. 12

H. R. Makin, not out ... .. 5

A. W. J. Peake, c Barton, b Brown ... .. 0

Sundries ... .. 4

Total ... .. 197

NOVEMBER ANALYSIS.

R. C. Witcheil ... .. 0 1 28 1

R. Pestonji ... .. 14 1 49 4

J. R. Irvine ... .. 8 0 32 1

A. O. Brown ... .. 12 12 36 3

Bandman Barton ... .. 8 0 25 1

R. O. Hutchison ... .. 7 1 23 0

SECOND INNINGS.

W. Dixon, c Edwards, b Wishart ... .. 48

E. A. Fowler, b Wishart ... .. 0

H. R. Makin, not out ... .. 60

A. A. Claxton, c Edwards, b Wishart ... .. 22

W. C. D. Turner, c Hutchison, b Barton ... .. 22

A. J. W. Peake, b Barton ... .. 0

Capt. Kriekenbeek, not out ... .. 4

H. Hancock, Major Lewis, R. Hancock and T. E. Pearce did not bat

Sundries ... .. 10

Total, five wickets for ... .. 159

NOVEMBER ANALYSIS.

L. J. Wishart ... .. 0 1 47 3

C. S. M. Owen ... .. 0 0 12 0

R. Pestonji ... .. 1 0 12 0

R. O. Hutchison ... .. 4 0 37 0

Bandman Barton ... .. 2 0 24 2

J. R. Irvine ... .. 1 0 5 0

PEDESTRIANISM.

On Sunday next the Lusitano Football Club will hold a walking competition, commencing at 8.45 a.m. The course is from Breezy Point Recreation Ground down Park Road, turn to the right at "La Vila" on to Bonham Road, Caine Road, Upper Albert Road, round Government House to Lower Albert Road, pass Government Offices and Volunteer Parade Ground, turn to the right to Garden Road, up to Kennedy Road, down to the Monument and pass the Race Course, turn to the right on to the Road to Wong-nai-chong Village up Wong-nai-chong, Caine Road, and finish just in front of Italian Convent gate.

The team competition shall be decided as follows:—

The position of each competitor (first, second, third, etc.) shall be noted and the team whose total in places thus made is the least, shall be declared the winning team. For example if Team A's total is 24 and Team B's, the total would be 26 points and "B" Team in the following order 1st, 4th, 5th and 20th, the total would be 30 points thus, "B" Team would be beaten by 4 points.

In case of a dead-heat between any two or more competitors the average number of points in the race will be the case of dead-heat between teams; the team shall be the winner which has done the course in the best average time per man.

The Teams are:—

"A"—J. M. Britto, (Capt.), F. Neves, Carlos Siqueira and A. J. V. Ribeiro.

"B"—J. A. S. Alves, (Capt.), A. Remedios, J. Gomes and L. Lopes.

"C"—H. J. Alves, (Capt.), J. V. Remedios, José Alberto and L. G. Cordeiro.

"D"—P. A. Cordeiro, (Capt.), F. F. Ego Silva, H. M. Remedios and C. A. P. Xavier.

"E"—D. Carvalho, (Capt.), P. da Rosa, J. Barros and J. Graça Ozeiro.

"F"—A. V. Barros, (Capt.), C. A. Remedios, F. Barreto and D. Lopes.

"G"—D. A. Remedios, (Capt.), E. P. de V. Soares, B. Vieira and A. A. Luz.

"H"—J. M. Conceição, (Capt.), P. Yanorich, F. Barandas and C. Franco.

"I"—A. M. Neves, (Capt.), A. C. Botelho, Jr., M. A. Figueiredo and M. Baptista.

"J"—D. A. Soares, (Capt.), J. Moreira, F. H. Hyndman and J. O. Remedios.

"K"—M. Guimarães, (Capt.), A. H. Correia, D. Sousa and J. Souza.

"L"—J. Mendes, (Capt.), M. V. Leon and J. M. Victor.

## SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

## Our Special Letter.

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, November 22.

FOOTBALL.—The defeat of the New Zealand footballers by Wigan, Leigh and Barrow have again raised the question as to whether the Northern Union or Rugby Union players are the better. Some day perhaps the latter will adopt a more tolerant attitude towards the paid players so that we may see the two classes in opposition as on the Association, and many other sports, fields. Mention of the New Zealanders reminds one that the Northern Union gave them a guarantee of £3,000, and as their share of the gates to-date already amounts to well over £4,000, they can confidently look forward to picking up the £50, which each player had to put up for preliminary expenses. Our visitors showed a return to their winning form against Hull on the Saturday, when the score was eighteen points to thirteen in their favour, but at Leigh on Wednesday the whole team proved winners of a hard game by fifteen points to nine.

RUGBY UNION GAMES.—Yorkshire and Cumberland were successful against Lancashire and Cheshire in County Championship matches on Saturday, the scores being six points to nil, and five points to nil respectively. Both 'Varsity teams showed considerable improvement on past form and victories over Richmond and Lennox—by twenty-three points to nil, and thirty-five points to nil respectively—lead the critics to think both fifteen are above the ordinary this season. The meeting of Cardiff and Newport produced the usual keen interest and the fact of the former being at home was probably a big factor in the victory by six points to three.

Some very close games were seen in Scotland, Glasgow Academicals only beating Clydesdale by a try to nil, and a like score marked the advantage of Glasgow University over Kelvinside Academicals, while West of Scotland and Glasgow High School broke even, each scoring a try.

ASSOCIATION.—After the trouble between G. Wilson, the famous Scotch international, and Everton, over last season's cup final the Club and player parted company. Everton, however, would not agree to his transfer and this season Wilson has been playing with Belfast Distillery. Now, however, it is announced that Wilson will play for Newcastle United and it is believed that Club has had to part with quite £1,500 to Everton and Distillery to obtain Wilson's signature.

LEAGUE FRAY.—Dundee continues to head the Scottish league table and the record of the team bears looking into. To have gained twenty-four points out of fourteen engagements and scored thirty-nine goals as against the nine by rivals speak well. The team is made up of four Anglo-Scots, three Englishmen and other players of only local fame. The latest win of Dundee was on visiting Port Glasgow, the margin being five goals to nil. St. Mirren, Celtic and Falkirk come next on the table and all were victorious on Saturday. Turning to the English league the three top teams were all successful, Manchester United having to tackle Sunderland on the latter's ground and coming through with two goals to one victory, while Sheffield Wednesday and Everton won against Chelsea (three to one) and Blackburn (four to one) the winners being at home. Oldham Athletic continues to do well in the second division and like Plymouth A'gyle, in the Southern League, holds a clear lead.

THE TURF.—The suitability of Ireland as a nursery for thoroughbreds is well known and the reason is the mild moist climate which gives rich herbage and enables the youngsters to spend so much time out of doors. The value of fresh air and an open door life is not half enough appreciated and plenty of our best racers have been harmed by too much cozzling. Many a stallion's temper has also been spoiled by shutting him up too much. Horses are like human beings and like company, and a trainer who believes in the half door, so that their charges can look out and see their companions, understands this.

BEAUV HALSEY.—W. Halsey reached his century of winning-mounts this season by riding Mr H. Beardsley's Atank to victory in the Moderate Plate at Newbury on Wednesday. This is the third time he has accomplished the feat—the previous season's being 1902-3 when his wins amounted to 115 and 106 respectively.

Writing of jockeys, Miller, the American crack, who has ridden most of Mr. J. B. Kien's animals to victory this season has scored no fewer than 224 times during 1907 and his earnings are put down at \$50,000 gold. (£10,000).

M. Caillault is an easy first among French owners, his winnings amounting to well over £25,000. M. Lioux and Baron E. de Rothschild coming next with £23,000 and £22,000 respectively. Flying Fox is losing ground among the stallions in France and his family only won £13,500 during the season but as his progeny have accounted for over £157,000 in stakes during the past four seasons he has justified his



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### REMEMBERS 1800 A.D.

#### A "Ripe Old Age."

Many may think, says a Bangkok paper, that few, if any, reach the age of a hundred years in tropical countries. In Siam, however, it is not an unusual occurrence to meet with venerable centenarians. At present a venerable old lady, who has attained the respectable old age of 125 years, is living at Chantaboon hale and hearty. Her name is Yai Ngan, and she walks without the aid of a stick, superintends domestic work, looks after the servants, winning the paddy, etc. Her sight and hearing are also good, and in the natural order of things she is likely to live ten years more. She has seen her great, great, grand children.

#### AN ADVENTURE OF '41.

##### Wrecked in the China Sea.

Referring to the death of Mr G. M. Dare at Singapore on Dec. 15, the "Strait Times" says:  
On Christmas Day, 1841, Mrs Dare with her two children, George, aged two, and Julius, an infant, left Singapore for Macao by the ship Viscount Melbourne, but the vessel got no further than Luconia Shoal in the China Sea, as it became wrecked, and the passengers and the crew left her in five boats. Four days after they left the ship, the boats encountered a gang of pirates, and the occupants of the boat commanded by the Captain, in which Mrs Dare and her children were seated, had a thrilling experience.

While they were engaged in prayer—it was Sunday morning—the "proa" containing the pirates bore down upon them. At first the pirates were not considered as such, as, in response to the waving of a white cloth in token of amity, they repeated the performance. It was not until the boats had met, and the strangers announced that they had come on the scene to conduct the unfortunate people in shore, that it was suspected they were pirates. On the strangers assuming a threatening attitude, by their fastenings a rattan rope from their launch to the boat, the Captain of the latter gave orders to cut and run, and with one blow from a cutlass the rope was severed and the boat made sail. The pirates eventually opened fire, first from their rifles and then from a swivel, and one of the shots passed between the Captain and Mrs Dare, and then scraped a piece off the skull of one of the lascars who sat at the bow of the boat. In course of time, the pirates reached the boat again and they boarded her. There was no bloodshed, however, during the time they were on board, but they helped themselves to all the valuables they could lay their hands upon.

After having been thirteen days in the open boat, the "fortunates" arrived in Singapore, and on their arrival at the Master Attendant's steps, Mrs Dare and her children, who had suffered great privation, were assisted ashore by Dr. Little and Mr W. H. Read.

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the Undersigned, and Goods remaining

unclaimed after THURSDAY, the 2nd

January, at Noon, will be subject to rent

and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or

before the 2nd January, or they will not

be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined

on THURSDAY, the 2nd January, at

3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Agent,  
J. MILLET.

Hongkong, December 25, 1907. 2031

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL

STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S

STEAMER SUND.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA,

PORT SAID, SUZ AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above

steamer are hereby informed that their

Goods are being landed at their risk into

the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND

KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY

LIMITED, at KOWLOON, where each con-

signment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and

delivery can be obtained as soon as the

Goods are landed.

Optional goods will be landed here on

instructions given to the contrary

before 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 29th Dec.,

at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by

me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the

Godowns for examination by the Con-

signees and the Co.'s representative at an

appointed hour. All claims must be pre-

sented within ten days of the steamer's

arrival here, after which date they cannot

be recognized. Goods will be delivered

after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 23, 1907. 2023

### HONGKONG AVERAGE MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Thursday, December 19th, 1907.

At 100 cents per Dollar Mexican.

#### Butcher Meat.

Beef steaks & prime cut—Mel Lung Pa ..	lb 20
" Corned—Ham Ngan Yuk ..	.. 20
" Roset—Shiu ..	.. 20
" Breast—Nagu Lam ..	.. 15
" Soup—Tong Yuk ..	.. 16
" Steak—Ngan Yuk Pa ..	.. 20
" Canton Ngan Lau Steaks ..	.. 30
" Sausages—Ngan Chang ..	.. 28
Bullock's Brains—Slow ..	per set 10
" corned—Ham Ngan Yi ..	.. 55
" Tongue fresh—Ngan Yi ..	each 50
" Head—Ngan Tau ..	.. 12
" Heart—Ngan Sam ..	.. 12
" Feet—Ngan Kiu ..	.. 10
" Kidneys—Ngan Yiu ..	.. 10
" Tail—Ngan Mei ..	.. 17
" Liver—Ngan Con ..	.. 12
" Tripe (undressed)—Ngan To ..	.. 7

Calves' Head &amp; Feet—Ngan-chai-tau-kak, set \$1.00

Mutton Chop—Young Pal Kwat .. .. 24 |Leg—Young Pei .. .. 24 |Shoulder—Young Shau .. .. 22 |Pigs' Chittlings—Chi chong .. .. 24 |Brains—Chi Kerk .. per set 2 |Feet—Chi Kerk .. .. 12 |Fry—Chi Chak .. .. 24 |Head—Chi Tan .. .. 22 |Heart—Chi Sum .. each 10 |Kidneys—Chi Yiu .. .. 10 |Liver—Chi Con .. .. 12 |Pork Chop—Chi Pal Kwat .. .. 24 |Corned—Ham Chu Yuk .. .. 24 |Leg—Chu Pei .. .. 24 |Fat or Lard—Chu Yan .. .. 20 |

Sheep's Head and Feet—Young Tau Kerk set 55

Heart—Young Sum .. each 6 |Kidneys—Young Yiu .. .. 10 |Liver—Young Con .. .. 12 |Sucking Pigs, To Order—Chu Chai .. .. 22 |Beef, Boiled—Sang Ngan Yau .. .. 16 |Mutton—Sang Young Yau .. .. 24 |Veal—Ngan Chai Yuk .. .. 20 |

